

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments. Claims 19-34 were pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 19, 21, and 23 have been amended and claims 25-36 have been canceled. It is believed that no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 19-24 are pending.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Independent claim 19 has been amended. Claims 20 to 24 either directly or indirectly depend on claim 19.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Rejection of claims 19-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Suzuki et al in view of Middleton et al and Harrison

Claim 19 has been amended so that the selected flavonoids mentioned in claim 19 are "isolated or purified." Support for this amendment is found beginning on page 15, line 35.

The combined references do not teach or suggest the isolated or purified flavonoids as mentioned in claim 19. Furthermore, there is no suggestion in the reference/s to substitute the flavonoids mentioned in these reference/s with the specific isolated or purified flavonoids mentioned in independent claim 19.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks it is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

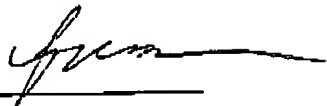
If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefore. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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